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SOUTH QUEENSLAND

THE GARDEN OF QUEENSLAND

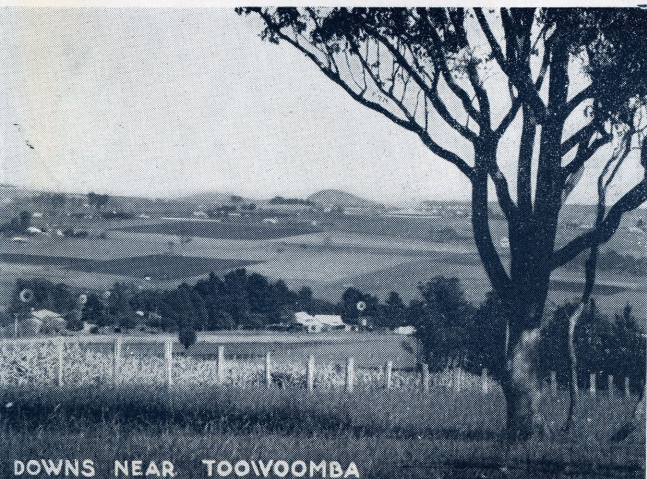
Rolling Downs and Range Crests

THE Darling Downs is among the most picturesque and healthful regions in Queensland. Situated on the sunset side of the Main Range inland from Brisbane, the Downs (geographical division) occupies some 25,825 square miles and supports a population of 113,000—an extensive province which is not only exceedingly fertile, but contains within its borders an infinite variety of scenic delights, and has a most genial climate.

Not for nothing have many of the Governors of Queensland hastened to the Toowoomba uplands in summer, like Indian vice-royalty to Simla, to escape the coastal humidity. Even Queenslanders are attracted to crowd the annual excursion trains which run from Brisbane when the wheatfields are at their loveliest. Visitors from overseas, accustomed to the snippety patchwork of crops in England, are entranced by their first view of what seems an illimitable sea of waving greens and browns.

Many and varied are the excursions which may be made through this charming countryside. The blood-red soil of the range top and the rich black downlands contrast picturesquely with the verdure of windy-wide paddocks and chequered farmlands. Streams run down from the ranges, fringed with the green flouncings of willows. Orchards and farms and groves of trees, always trees, are scattered over the uplands so that at every turn the eye is delighted with some fresh vignette.

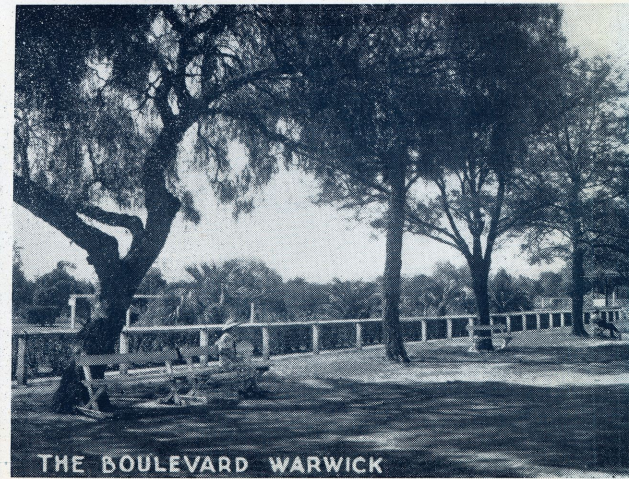
The principal towns of the Darling Downs are located on the main Southern Railway line, so that direct access is provided from both Brisbane and Southern capitals. A splendid through-road also runs from Brisbane to Warwick, via Toowoomba. Good hotel and guest house accommodation is available.



DOWNES NEAR. TOOWOOMBA



WHEAT KILLARNEY



THE BOULEVARD WARWICK

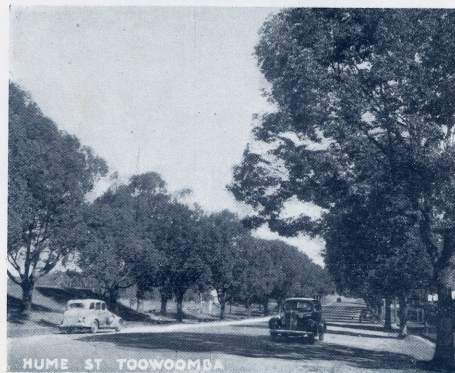
TOOWOOMBA'S VIEWS & VISTAS PICTURESQUE UPLANDS

THERE is no more charmingly situated provincial city in the whole of Queensland than Toowoomba, capital of the Darling Downs. Visitors notice that there is more than a touch of the old-world about this mountain city—features which recall Europe quite vividly, especially parts of provincial France. This is due chiefly to the trees—the plane-tree boulevards of Amiens, for instance. Looking down from the range crest it is trees and not buildings which prevail. There are old stone houses in Toowoomba built by pioneering families fresh to the Antipodes which are definitely not Australian. And there are old-world gardens that are as foreign to Australia as the dwellings set in their midst. Wide streets, arabesqued with plane trees, elms, oaks, and laurels, spacious parklands and botanic gardens, substantial public buildings and large residential schools all testify to the importance of Toowoomba as a city of culture and prosperity and a delightful holiday resort.

Toowoomba (101 miles by rail, 84 miles by road, from Brisbane) is situated on the summit of the Main Range at an altitude of almost 2,000 feet. Though this highland region abounds in magnificent views, the panoramas obtained from the Range at Toowoomba are the most imposing, as Toowoomba itself is the most impressive example of urban beauty in these parts. The visitor can spend many happy weeks exploring the district centres before journeying on to Stanthorpe, Warwick, and Dalby. Ravensbourne National Park is a pretty region, easily accessible. Toowoomba, with its exhilarating mountain climate, glorious sunshine, opportunities for sport, and infinite variety of natural beauty, has indeed been well named the Simla of Queensland.



BOTANIC GARDENS TOOWOOMBA



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TOOWOOMBA GOLF LINKS

WHEATFIELDS AND PASTURES

TOOWOOMBA is the capital of an extensive province containing a number of districts, all of which are rapidly increasing in size and importance—beautiful daughters, as it were, clustering around the mother-city of them all. The four million acres of the Darling Downs and the illimitable Western Plains pour out a varied benison of wheat, cream, fruit, sheep, wool and other primary products, and there is also a number of secondary industries, such as butter and bacon factories, flour and timber mills, breweries, malt house, foundry, tannery and other enterprises.

Bowling along in the big tourist coaches over interminable miles of first-class highway from Toowoomba to Warwick and then on to Stanthorpe is one of the finest drives obtainable in Queensland. On all sides stretch these world-famous Downs, suffused with flooding sunlight, bracken-brown, lush green, barley-gold, rich black, while in the distance ahead and all around the horizon is scalloped with mountain peaks, veiled in the heavenly blue of distance. Warwick is situated 159 miles by rail from Brisbane on the main Southern Railway line. Set on the willow-skirted banks of the Condamine River, surrounded by intensively cultivated open downs and backed by the verdant hills of Killarney, Warwick has an appealing natural beauty and a salubrious climate throughout the year. The surrounding countryside abounds in scenic attractions.

Dalby, centre of the Northern Downs, and one of the most solvent districts in the State, is situated about 53 miles from Toowoomba and 153 miles from Brisbane, by rail. The climate is most genial, combining the exhilarating coolness of the Downs with the dryness of the Western Plains. The most easterly artesian bore in Australia is situated at Dalby, the hot mineralised water rising from a depth of 2,500 feet. This "wonder water," as it is known, possesses splendid health-restoring properties. The Bunya Mountains form the watershed of the

Northern Downs and South Burnett districts, being situated about midway between Dalby and Kingaroy. They offer some of the finest scenery in the whole of Southern Queensland and an idyllic climate. Mount Mowbray, at 3,611 feet, is the highest peak, with other peaks in the vicinity of 3,000 feet providing vast panoramas. These lofty pine-clad ranges were once the scene of the triennial Feasts of the Bunya-Bunya when the vanished tribes foregathered from hundreds of miles around. Accommodation is available and this summer resort, in an entirely new location, is rapidly gaining public favour.



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TOOWOOMBA

TOURIST MAP OF THE DARLING DOWNS

